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SUBJECT: ARMS TO PAKISTAN: SISCO TESTIMONY; INDIAN MILO
PURCHASES FROM US

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO

1. DELHI PRESS HEADLINED YOUR TESTIMONY IN PHRASES SUCH AS
"US CONSIDERING RESUMPTION OF ARMS AID TO PINDI" (INDIAN
EXPRESS). THE STORIES GENERALLY MAKE CLEAR THAT YOU WERE ONLY
SPEAKING OF THE SPARE PARTS SUSPENDED SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF
FIGHTING IN 1971, BUT TO GLANCE AT THE FRONT PAGES WOULD GIVE
THE IMPRESSION OF A MUCH LARGER EVENT. THUS YOUR PAST EXPERIENCE
WITH THE INDIAN PRESS IS RECONFIRMED. IT WILL OF COURSE GET
WORSE.

2. I AM STIRRING UP A SMALL AMOUNT OF TROUBLE HEREABOUTS
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WITH RESPECT TO THE JIMSON WEED IN THE AMERICAN MILO WHICH THE INDIANS BOUGHT IN THE US IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY. THE PRIME MINISTER GRATUITOUSLY RAISED THE ISSUE IN A PRESS INTERVIEW LAST SATURDAY. I ARRANGED THROUGH OUR PRESS OFFICE FOR A STORY TO COME FROM AN INDIAN CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON THAT AMERICANS DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FOOD GRAINS AND FEED GRAINS AND THAT THE INDIANS HAD SPECIFICALLY PURCHASED FEED GRAIN AND OF A CLASS WHICH CAN CONTAIN UP TO EIGHT PERCENT FOREIGN MATTER INCLUDING JIMSON WEED. THE DECISION TO PURCHASE FEED GRAINS WAS ENTIRELY THAT OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND HAD NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH US. AS A RESULT OF THIS STORY THIS FACT IS NOW THE SUBJECT OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AND SUCH. THERE SEEMED NO POINT IN LETTER THE PRIME MINISTER ACCUSE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OF SEEKING TO POISON HER PEOPLE.

3. AN UNCLASSIFIED TELEGRAM FROM WASHINGTON TODAY REPORTS THAT YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT THIS IN YOUR TESTIMONY YESTERDAY, MARCH 12, AND THAT YOU REPLIED THAT THE USDA STANDARDS FOR THE GRADE OF GRAIN SORGHUM PURCHASED BY THE INDIANS PERMIT UP TO ONE PERCENT OF FOREIGN MATTER. ACTUALLY, THEY BOUGHT GRADE TWO GRAIN SORGHUM WHICH PERMITS UP TO EIGHT PERCENT FOREIGN MATTER. WE ARE LETTING THIS BE KNOWN. ALSO, YESTERDAY, IN PARLIAMENT THE QUESTION WAS ASKED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INFORMED THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT OF THIS WHEN IT SOLD THE WHEAT. WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO EITHER WITH THE SALE OR PURCHASE, AND WAS ONLY INFORMED OF THE EVENT AFTER THE FACT. MOYNIHAN

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